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The Honorable John Cornyn
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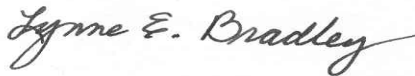
Dear Senators Cornyn and Leahy,

I am writing on behalf of the American Library Association to express our support for the "Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National (OPEN) Government Act of 2005." We believe that this bill will promote a more accountable and responsive federal government.

The American Library Association has long supported open access to government information as a key component of informed public participation in decision-making. We commend your commitment to amending the Freedom of Information Act in order to strengthen that access. We look forward to working with you to ensure passage of this legislation.

Please contact Patrice McDermott, Deputy Director of ALA's Office of Government Relations, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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